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## LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

A wreck at the mouth of the tunnel blocked traffic for eight hours.

An effort will be made to locate new army headquarters in St. Louis.

William Paden, a St. Louis guitarist, has been selected by the American Guild to perform with "all star" orchestra in a grand concert.

## GENERAL DOMESTIC.

A folk club is organized at Benno's Mill, Mo.

Great Britain has formally protested to Washington against the seizure by the United States of several islands near Borneo which are claimed by England.

A philanthropic Brooklyn woman was found dead in her home, at her feet the body of her faithful dog, which had starved rather than leave her.

The home of Fred Rober, an editor, at Berne, Ind., was blown up by dynamite. The family had a narrow escape from death. Rober had been conducting a crusade against licensed opposition.

Senator Beveridge outlines the administration's plans concerning financial legislation in an address before the Indiana Bankers' Association. He said no sweeping changes were proposed, but a few moderate changes.

Mont Martin, joint-keeper at Dexter, Kan., is shot and killed in a fight with William Greenwell, who recently testified against him.

George Bollinger and C. C. Adams, who recently testified for the defense in the Jett-White trial at Chattanooga, Ky., have been indicted on the charge of perjury.

Twelve hundred packers walk out on a general strike in a packing plant at St. Joseph, Mo.

Doctor W. H. Smith was killed, eight persons were injured and property valued at \$125,000 was destroyed by a fire at Nashville, Tenn.

The Missouri coal operators and the coal miners, with National President John Mitchell, are in session at Kansas City trying to settle the trouble in the Novinger district.

Four members of a train crew were killed near Soper, I. T., where a freight car, precipitating the train into a creek.

William Hoffmann killed his father-in-law, William Brandt, near Marytown, Ill., and then fled to the woods, defying the officers to capture him.

Professor Bagnall, of Stanford University has found that the remarkable deflection of the magnetic needle along some parts of the Alaskan coast is due to the presence of large masses of magnetic rock, which form almost a perfect pole at one place near Skagway.

Common stock of the United States Steel Corporation sells at the lowest figure on record in the New York market, ostensibly on account of the continued decline in the price of pig iron.

An application has been filed for an injunction against the Harlem Jockey Club to restrain them from permitting betting or pool selling at the race track.

Tammany men are jubilant over the disruption of the fusion forces and the certain renomination of Mayor Seth Low, whom they declare they can defeat easily.

Senator Hoar says in a speech that the suggestion to send the negroes out of the country is wholly impracticable and that the race problem will have to be met squarely at home.

## FOREIGN.

The British Foreign Office has made representations at Washington regarding the alleged seizure by the gunboat Quilso of some islands off the coast of Borneo which have for twenty-five years been under British administration.

Professor Carducci, a member of the Italian Senate, publishes a long article in which he endeavors to show that Pope Leo XIII did not die of pleurisy. He intimates that the malady might have been cancer of the pleura or tuberculous hydrothorax.

Diplomats believe that war between Bulgaria and Turkey may be precipitated at any moment, in spite of all efforts to stave off the conflict.

The vail of Beirut has been removed and Nazim Pasha, vail of Damascus, has been appointed in his stead, in pursuance of requests made by United States Minister Leishman and the French Ambassador to Turkey.

## SPORTING.

Billy Buck, the favorite, wins the Charter Oak Stake at Hartford, defeating Walnut Hall and Hawthorne by the narrowest of margins.

Winners at Delmar yesterday were: Leech, Allyn, Dottie Shute, Old Stone, Alagretta and Brown Vail.

One man from the First Regiment, St. Louis, makes a showing at Milwaukee in the Junior championship meet of the Amateur Athletic Union.

Members of the High School football squad opened their season's practice yesterday.

Hamburg, Sept. 10.—Arrived: Patricia, from New York.

New York, Sept. 10.—Arrived: Prinzess Irene, from Genoa.

Liverpool, Sept. 10.—Arrived: Teutonic and Carpathia, from New York.

Glasgow, Sept. 10.—Ethiopia, New York.

Havre, Sept. 10.—Arrived: La Lorraine, from New York.

New York, Sept. 10.—Sailed: Fuerst Bismarck, Hamburg, via Plymouth and Cherbourg; La Touraine, Havre.

Queenstown, Sept. 10.—Sailed: Noordland, from Liverpool, Philadelphia.

Brownhead, Sept. 10.—Sailed: New England, Boston, for Liverpool.

Kinsale, Sept. 10.—Sailed: Celtic, New York, for Liverpool.

Naples, Sept. 10.—Arrived: Perugia, New York, via Marseilles and Leghorn.

Queenstown, Sept. 10.—Sailed: Oceanic, from Liverpool, for New York.

Liverpool, Sept. 10.—Sailed: Bavarian, Montreal, Commonweath, Boston.

London, Sept. 10.—Sailed: Hibernian, Montreal.

## SIXTEEN MILLIONS FOR IRRIGATION.

Indications Are That the Fund Will Grow to Ten Times That Amount.

## GREAT PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT

Territory as Valuable as Louisiana Purchase Will Be Added to Nation's Resources by Arid-Land Redemption.

The Republic Bureau, 14th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, Sept. 10.—The question of Western land irrigation, which for years has been a great issue with the arid States and, at the same time, the shuttlecock of Congress, at last has assumed such dimensions that it will have a respectable hearing by all parties.

For the cause of irrigation no less than \$16,000,000 now is available for the States where surveys have been approved by the Government. Two years ago, when Congress provided \$2,000,000 for an irrigation dam in the river and harbor bill, that slight concession was hailed by the advocates of irrigation as an "entering wedge," a decided factor in the long-mooted question as to whether Congress should appropriate money for irrigation in the States and Territories.

In this short time note the result. From the sale of these lands under the irrigation act there is a fund of \$16,000,000 available for the purpose of reclamation of desert lands.

Those who know the general practice of Congress predict that the amount will grow from \$16,000,000 to ten times that amount.

No issue before the American people is of greater interest. The reclamation of the arid lands means the addition to the resources of the United States of a territory as valuable as that of the great Louisiana Purchase, which is to be commemorated in St. Louis in 1904.

FUND IS GROWING RAPIDLY.

As the Government has reached the point where it will donate \$16,000,000 for the purpose of irrigation, then it is probably only a question of time when the amount expended for this purpose will equal that of the river and harbor bill.

W. A. Richards, Commissioner of the General Land Office, has prepared a statement showing the amounts covered into the Treasury to the credit of the Reclamation Fund.

Under the act of March 3, 1890, the public lands in the several States and Territories during the years 1901, 1902 and 1903, under the provision of the act of Congress approved June 17, 1902. At present there is to the credit of the Reclamation Fund in the United States Treasury \$15,191,826, of which \$15,000,000 resulted from sales of public lands during the present year.

To this date sixteen States and Territories have contributed to this sum, which is set apart for the reclamation of arid lands. The amounts received for the Government holdings in the various States are as follows:

Ark., \$125,000; California, \$1,287,119; Colorado, \$1,129,097; Idaho, \$1,149,697; Kansas, \$67,531; Montana, \$1,324,546; Nebraska, \$35,003; Nevada, \$35,879; New Mexico, \$297,365; North Dakota, \$2,458,340; Oklahoma, \$1,344,881; Oregon, \$2,755,690; South Dakota, \$648,982; Utah, \$234,344; Washington, \$1,394,060; Wyoming, \$383,295.

WARMER WEATHER NOW DUE. To Be Followed in a Few Days by Fall in Temperature.

The Weather Bureau forecasts warmer weather with cloudy skies to follow the 24 degree difference in the temperature of Wednesday and Thursday. The highest registration of the thermometer yesterday was 57 degrees; that of Wednesday was 58. A low that was yesterday central in Montana will bring the rise in the mercury. From present indications this will be followed by high-pressure conditions now in the extreme Northwest, which will come in behind the low, causing a probable drop in the temperature.

The readings of the thermometer yesterday from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. were as follows:

6 a. m., 56 degrees; 6 p. m., 55 degrees; 10 a. m., 56 degrees; 2 p. m., 56 degrees; 4 p. m., 56 degrees; 6 p. m., 56 degrees; 8 p. m., 56 degrees; 10 p. m., 56 degrees; 12 noon, 56 degrees.

GIRL INHALES CHLOROFORM. Ada Taylor Despondent Because She Could Not Get Work.

Despondent because she was unable to procure employment as a milliner, Ada Taylor, 18 years old, living at No. 1523 Olive street, attempted to commit suicide yesterday afternoon by inhaling chloroform. The young woman was sent to the St. Joseph hospital, where she was soon out of danger.

For a week Miss Taylor had been working at a restaurant in the neighborhood. She came home shortly after 2 o'clock last night, and was found by her mother, Mrs. Ward, and her roommate. She held a handkerchief to her face and suddenly fell back on the hall.

Her companions ran to her, and she was unconscious.

Miss Taylor has no relatives except a grandmother who lives in St. Joseph. The only reason she was given for her act was that she was discouraged and didn't care to live longer.

DETERMINED TO END STRIKE. Mine Owners Will Send Committee to Employ Joplin Men.

Denver, Sept. 10.—At a conference of mine owners in this city, the subject of which was the importation of miners to break the strike at Cripple Creek, it was decided to send a committee to Joplin, Mo., to secure the men needed. Permanent employment at \$5.50 a day will be offered them.

Colorado Springs, Sept. 10.—President C. E. Kennison of one of the district unions had trouble with a nonunion miner at Cripple Creek, who was working for him. He drew a gun, but was disarmed before he could use it.

Kennison was arrested and placed in jail this afternoon on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He said:

"I am guilty of the offense charged. I carried a weapon for the sole purpose of defending my life."

BARRETT TAKES THE OATH. Will Sail September 30 for New Post in Argentina.

Washington, Sept. 10.—John Barrett, the new Minister to Argentine Republic, took the oath of office to-day and immediately entered upon a careful discussion of South American affairs with the State Department.

He will sail for his new post September 30, from New York via Southampton.

## REGIMENT OF MACEDONIANS, ARMED AND EQUIPPED, WILL GO FROM UNITED STATES TO JOIN IN FIGHT.

Chicago, Sept. 10.—Through the efforts of the Chicago Macedonian Society a company of seventy-five men, fully armed and equipped, will leave this city next Monday for the scene of the insurrection in Macedonia.

The company has been organized among the Macedonians of Chicago and will be led by Boris Stanslan Teveloff, formerly a Lieutenant in the Bulgarian army. The company will go to New York and there join a regiment which is forming to assist the insurgent forces now operating in the field.

## CLASH IN THE BALKANS MAY COME ANY MOMENT.

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Pasha has been formally appointed Vail of Beirut in place of Reshid Pasha, who has been dismissed.

The Tageblatt says the German training ship Moltke, with 600 men on board, left Lisbon to-day for Piræus, Greece, and adds that she will go from there to Beirut.

Constantinople, Sept. 10.—The appointment of Nazim Pasha to be Vail of Beirut followed a strong request made by United States Minister Leishman and an even stronger demand from the French Ambassador that Reshid Pasha be dismissed from that post in consequence of his incompetence.

Nazim Pasha received an enthusiastic reception upon his arrival at Beirut, a crowd at the railway station cheering him repeatedly. The town was then perfectly tranquil.

Rear Admiral Cotton confirms the reports that he can land 500 marines and blue jackets from the Brooklyn and San Francisco in case of urgent necessity.

Private advice from Kirk-Killie state that the Turkish regulars are conducting themselves well, the liberal and insubordinate and are pillaging and burning villages, and are even threatening their own officers when they are ordered not to plunder.

By September 17 twenty-seven battalions of troops had been concentrated in the Kirk-Killie district.

An imperial trade has been issued ordering the repair or reconstruction of the fortifications of Adrianople, Chatalja, Erzerum and the Bosphorus.

REQUEST IS IN LINE WITH POLICY FOLLOWED IN 1860.

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Washington, Sept. 10.—The dispatch from Minister Leishman reporting the demand of the French Ambassador for Beirut that the situation there is quiet, accompanied by his own recommendation that the Government "be replaced" by some one more capable of preserving order, is apparently in line with the policy adopted after the Moslem massacre, which, in 1860, swept the Lebanon region from Damascus to villages not far from Beirut.

Since that time no Lebanon Governor has been appointed except one having the approval of the Powers. This is said to have been effective in maintaining comparative peace.

Conditions at Beirut, with its mixed population of Christians and Mohammedans, with the large commercial concerns of the Christian population, especially the educational enterprises of the Christian people, in which American interests are particularly important, make such a plan seem peculiarly adaptable to present needs.

Minister Leishman doubtless felt governed by cautious American policy in merely "urging" a change in distinction from the "demand" which he represented the French as making.

Consul Ravndal cabled the State Department from Beirut, under date of September 9, that the situation there is quiet, and, while some of the business houses are still closed, the populace is recovering from its scare of Sunday.

Further reassuring news of the Beirut situation reached the Navy Department to-day in this cablegram from Rear Admiral Cotton of the same date as Consul Ravndal's message.

"Arrival of Turkish Governor General of Damascus has restored confidence. Governor General has warned local authorities that he will hold them responsible for disturbances. City quiet Tuesday night. Situation and business improving."

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Promoters and Solicitors of Several Publications Use Names Without Authority.

Within the last few weeks solicitors for publications that propose to caricature, sketch and otherwise pictorially give position to well-known business men, lawyers, financiers, politicians and merchants generally have solicited subscriptions, donations and other forms of assistance on the ground that they were working in the interests of the newspapers and newspaper men of St. Louis.

Complaint has been made to this office that the name of The Republic has been frequently used in this connection, the solicitor announcing in some cases that the purpose of the publication was to raise funds for the relief of the war victims and to entertain visiting editors and newspaper workers during the World's Fair period.

As a warning to the public and those who have been or may be approached in this direction, The Republic states that it is not interested in or responsible for any such publications that have not been authorized by it to solicit or collect funds for such a purpose, and that it would not sanction any such action on the part of any one connected with the paper.

LANDLADIES SPY ON SERVANT TO SOLVE ROBBERY MYSTERY.

Silverware and Linen Is Recovered After Private-Detective Work in West Belle Hotel.

Mrs. Bertha Quinlan and Mrs. R. T. Sheppard, proprietresses of the West Belle Hotel, No. 404 West Belle place, discovered several days ago that they were being systematically robbed.

Table linen, bed clothing, knives, forks, spoons and other silverware were missed daily, and all efforts to detect the culprit proved unavailing until Mrs. Sheppard and Mrs. Quinlan decided to watch the employees of the hotel.

For several nights the two women lay in wait in an unused room in the servants' quarters, watching the employees as they went to and from work.

Wednesday night, while Mrs. Quinlan was on watch, she saw Alwida Mart, a German, who was employed as a cook in the hotel, carrying a bundle to her room.

Then it was that suspicion was cast upon the cook. The proprietresses of the hotel decided to notify the police.

Patrolman Dan Cosgrove, who walks the beat near the hotel, was called in. He searched the cook's room, and in a trunk found many articles which both Mrs. Quinlan and Mrs. Sheppard identified as stolen from them.

Mrs. Quinlan and Mrs. Sheppard accompanied Patrolman Cosgrove to the Four Courts yesterday morning, and swore out warrant charging their cook with petit larceny.

Patrolman Cosgrove stated that he had ascertained that the negroes had stolen many articles from Mrs. Green, who formerly lived in the hotel, and who had shipped them to a small town out in the State.

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Washington, Sept. 10.—The annual report of Commissioner of Pensions Ware places the total number of pensioners now on the rolls at 996,545, of which 725,336 are soldiers and 271,199 are widows and dependents.

Mr. Ware announces that it is not probable that the pension roll will again cross the million line, the high-water mark having been reached a year ago. Five of the pensioners are on the roll on account of the War of the Revolution, 1,116 on account of the War of 1812, 4,374 on account of the Indian wars and 12,574 on account of the Mexican War.

The average annual value of each pension is now \$123. The total annual value of the Spanish War pension roll has reached \$1,765,310.

Commissioner Ware makes the following recommendations:

Laws forfeiting the pension or right to pension of any man convicted in court of an infamous crime; prohibiting the giving of pensions to women who marry soldiers after the soldiers become old pensioners; a different method of examining applicants for pension, Mr. Ware stamps the present system as uncertain, expensive, unsatisfactory and generative of an enormous amount of political friction.

Mr. Ware says the bureau has gained on the current work 30,000 cases during the last two years.

The actual total of disbursements in pensions of the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Indian wars, Mexican War and dependent relatives, amount to \$3,028,025,290.

It is estimated that \$16,000,000 was paid in pensions for disabilities and deaths due to military and naval service in the wars of 1812 and with Mexico, and during the time of peace prior to the War of the Rebellion, making the payments of pensions to soldiers and sailors of the War of the Rebellion and dependent relatives, amount to \$3,028,